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REPORT

50X1-HUM

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT

DATE OF ANALYSIS

DATE PREPARED 3 October 1951

REFERENCES

PASTOR 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 2 September 1951 [redacted] the alert flight at Koethen airfield consisted of eight jet fighters [redacted] Eighteen jet fighters, [redacted] were parked in front of the hangars. * 50X1-HUM These heavy AA gun emplacements were seen near the alert flight. Two radio trucks fitted with rod antennas and six tank trucks were parked near the aircraft of the alert flight. A radio installation consisting of 2 radio trucks, 1 tent, 1 wooden shed and 1 manually operated generator was set up between the field and the Koethen-Halle railroad line. The antenna was suspended from two antenna masts. Another radio installation with four masts was seen east of the railroad line in extension of runway No 1. ** Sentries, 500 to 1,000 meters apart and accompanied by watchdogs, were posted around the entire airfield 50X1-HUM area. Truck [redacted] was seen proceeding to the field. 50X1-HUM
2. On 3 September, truck [redacted] loaded with food, truck [redacted] and jeep 50X1-HUM occupied by air force soldiers, entered the field. A convoy con- 50X1-HUM sisting of trucks [redacted], 50X1-HUM driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts, moved to the installation. 50X1-HUM
3. [redacted] about 250 ground personnel were seen receiving their meals. [redacted] about 100 officer flying personnel were stationed at the field and that the hangars were occupied to capacity by fighters. All EM at the field had been restricted to quarters since mid-August. One garage was heavily guarded by soldiers of a rear detachment of a tank unit. 50X1-HUM
4. Between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 4 September, there was intensive flying at the field. At least 12 MIG-15s [redacted] were seen. [redacted] 21 twin-jet bombers had been stationed at the field during the period from 26 August to 2 September. These planes daily took off for practice flights and probably also participated in exercises held in the Koethen area. About noon on 2 September, the 21 twin-jet bombers left in formation heading north [redacted]

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5. About 3 p.m. on 7 September, 24 swept-back jet fighters were observed at the field. Eight of them were parked at the take-off point and another eight near the alert flight. The AA guns practiced aiming at individual planes aloft.

6. From midnight to 1:30 a.m. on 12 September, jet fighters practiced flying in groups of two. *** Five pairs flew for 15 to 20 minutes periods. Truck [] was seen in Koethen.

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* [] Comment. The total number of MiG-15s stationed in Koethen is estimated at about 70. The field is occupied by two fighter regiments. []

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** [] Comment. This radio installation is Adcock DF station.
*** [] Comment. [] MiG-15s practiced night flying. It is believed, therefore, that the MiG-15 is designed also for commitment at night.

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